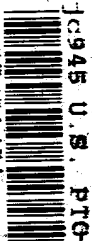


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APPLICATION ELEMENTS

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1. ☒ Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17)
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2. ☐ Applicant claims small entity status.
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112 920* 112 920* Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action

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119 310 219 155 Notice of Appeal

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121 270 221 135 Request for oral hearing

138 1,510 138 1,510 Petition to institute a public use proceeding

140 110 240 55 Petition to revive - unavoidable

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146 710 246 355 Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.129(a))

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